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SUBJ: ANNUAL IMF/IBRD MEETING

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1. COMPOSITION OF TUNISIAN DELEGATION TO SUBJECT MEETINGS  
NOT YET DETERMINED, BUT IT IS PROBABLE THAT MUSTAPHA  
ZAAOUNI, MINISTER IN CHARGE OF PLANNING, WILL HEAD  
DELEGATION, WHICH WILL ALSO INCLUDE RACHID SFAR, SEC GEN  
OF MIN FINANCE, AN OFFICIAL OF THE DIV OF ECONOMIC  
COOPERATION IN FON MIN, AND AN OFFICIAL OF CENTRAL BANK.  
IT IS POSSIBLE THAT GOVERNOR OF CENTRAL BANK, IN CAPACITY  
OF TUNISIAN GOVERNOR FOR IMF, WILL ATTEND, BUT NOT LIKELY.

2. WHILE TUNISIAN DELEGATION, ZAAOUNI IN PARTICULAR,  
WILL PROBABLY SEEK APPOINTMENTS WITH STATE, AID, AND  
TREASURY OFFICIALS DURING HIS VISIT TO WASHINGTON, IT IS  
UNLIKELY THAT HE WOULD SEEK BILATERAL MEETINGS WITH US  
DELEGATION TO IMF/IBRD MEETINGS. IF DIRECT BILATERAL  
CONTACT IS ESTABLISHED, ZAAOUNI MIGHT RAISE QUESTION OF  
AID LEVELS AND PREPARATIONS FOR THE JOINT COMMISSION  
MEETING NOW SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER. ON LATTER, IT IS  
POSSIBLE QUESTIONS OF DOUBLE TAXATION TREATY AND ARRANGEMENTS  
FOR US-OWNED DINARS WILL HAVE BEEN DISCUSSED BY A GROUP  
OF EXPERTS IN WASHINGTON WEEK BEFORE IMF/IBRD MEETINGS,  
IN WHICH CASE ZAAOUNI MAY SEEK TO FOLLOW UP AT A HIGHER  
LEVEL.

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3. US DELEGATION MIGHT KEEP IN MIND FOLLOWING TWO ISSUES WHICH ARE NOT STRICTLY GERMANE TO US/GOT BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS BUT COULD BE RAISED IF A MEETING IS HELD. VARIOUS MEMBERS DONOR GROUP IN TUNISIA HAVE COMMENTED ON NEED FOR OUTLINE OF FOURTH OR FIFTH PLAN PROJECTS FOR WHICH GOT SEEKS OUTSIDE CONCESSIONAL FINANCING. IN THIS CONTEXT, CLOSER GOT CONSULTATION WITH ALL DONORS IN PREPARATION FIFTH DEVELOPMENT PLAN WOULD BE HELPFUL. SECONDLY, GOT IS CURRENTLY ENGAGED IN AGRICULTURE CREDIT REVIEW WITH IBRD ENCOURAGEMENT. USG AND OTHER DONORS INVOLVED AG SECTOR MIGHT ENCOURAGE STEPPED UP EFFORT COMPLETE REVIEW.

4. BRIEFING PAPERS PREPARED FOR THE RECENT CONSULTATIVE GROUP MEETING ON TUNISIA AND THE INAUGURAL JOINT COMMISSION MEETING SHOULD SUPPLY SUFFICIENT BACKGROUND FOR THE US DELEGATION ON VIRTUALLY EVERY BILATERAL ISSUE OF SUBSTANCE.  
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